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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Barber, Timothy P.
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Title: Method for Billing for Services Delivered Over a Computer Network

Group Art Unit: 2164
Examiner: S. Wasylchak

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 8 (OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEB. 11, 2003)

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Applicant provides as the response to the Office action mailed Feb. 11, 2003 this communication, in which no changes are made to the claims and no argument is made regarding the outstanding rejections, in view of a telephone interview summary (copy attached) transmitted to applicant's attorney by facsimile on May 7, 2003, stating that a new Office action is required since the Office action mailed Feb. 11, 2003 (the third Office action) is inconsistent with that mailed Sept. 5, 2002 (the second Office action).

May 7, 2003
Date

Respectfully submitted,

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Steven R. Wasylchak.

(3) Atty. Jim Retter.

(2) Primary Hani Kazimi.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 25 March 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: NONE.

Identification of prior art discussed: Toader(US 5,774,869), Usui(US 5,956,697) and Egendorf(US 5,794,221).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Separate office actions by Exr. Daniel Felton and Exr. Steven Wasylchak were apparently inconsistent and a new office action is required.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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